

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF PLEASANTON

The Purpose of the Pastoral Council

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton's (CCOP) Pastoral Council is the chief advisory body to the Pastor, guided by the Holy Spirit and the Gospel. The council's charge is to ensure that the Catholic Community of Pleasanton is fulfilling its mission: *To know Christ better, live as He calls us to live and make Him better known.* This is accomplished through our liturgy, learning, and Christian living.

The members provide consultation to the Pastor and parish Directors by developing, monitoring, and recommending goals and priorities in the parish plan. The members of the Pastoral Council should have a firm grasp of the breadth of the parish or have the ability to gain that awareness. As such, the various members will serve as a conduit to ensure the whole council has a good view of the parish and, in turn, reflect the views of the council back to the parish. This action will enable the council to be responsible for the annual assessment of the parish plan and the ongoing development and implementation of the plan.

Membership and Qualities of council members

A discernment process in selecting council members is utilized to ensure that the gifts necessary for a collaborative and mission-oriented process are placed at the service of The Catholic Community of Pleasanton. Members are discerned based upon their at-large sensibilities of the parish at any given time in the life of CCOP. Members are not discerned based on representation of any particular constituency.

Those who are chosen to participate on the council should be individuals well respected in the community for their knowledge, vision and pastoral leadership. These gifts must be grounded in a life of prayer. It is essential for the health and well-being of the parish that members who are selected be pastoral in focus. Members may be called upon on an at-need basis, to represent the parish to outside civic and church agencies. Only the Pastor may speak officially on behalf of the whole parish.